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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5435

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

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CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW,  
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2  
AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT -- 15 AUGUST 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 5673

I. MILITARY SITUATION:

A. MR'S I, II AND IV: NO COMBAT ACTIVITY REPORTED  
DURING PERIOD AUGUST 15-17.

B. MR III: ON AUGUST 13, TWO MINOR ENEMY ATTACKS,  
ONE BY FIRE, TOOK PLACE TEN KMS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF  
MUONG HINBOU. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

C. MR IV: ON AUGUST 14, IN MINOR GROUND ATTACK  
SUPPORTED BY MORTAR FIRE, ENEMY COMPANY CLASHED WITH  
ELEMENTS FRIENDLY BATTALION EIGHT KMS SOUTHEAST KHONG  
SEDONE. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

D. RLAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. AS REPORTED SEPARATELY (NOTAL), PRIME  
MINISTER SOUVANNA HAD BECOME SO FRUSTRATED BY LACK OF  
PROGRESS IN LAO INTERNAL TALKS THAT HE THREATENED  
TO RESIGN UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONCLUDED SOON.  
ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 17 GENERAL BOUPONE, CINC  
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FAR, AND GENERAL KHAMHOU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
NATIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTER, CALLED ON SOUVANNA  
AND PLEADED WITH HIM TO REMAIN AS PRIME MINISTER.

B. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT MOVES IN NEGOTIATIONS  
IN LAST TWO DAYS: BUT AGREEMENT ON PROTOCOL STILL THOUGHT  
TO BE BERY NEAR AND NEXT MOVES OF PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATORS  
AND PRIME MINISTER ARE AWAITED.

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